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Jan 8, 1885 d&w1t

THE DECATUR RETAIL MARKET.

Ruling Prices at the Various Stores—Wheat and Coal.

DECATUR, ILL., Jan. 20, 1885.

THE PRODUCE MARKET

FLOUR—Mill prices First grade, White Loaf, $3.50 per hundred; second grade, $3 40; third, $3 30.

BUCKWHEAT—Bulk, 5 cents a pound; package, 20 and 40 cents each.

CORN MEAL—60 cents a bushel.

COFFEES—Rio, red, 5 to 6 lbs for a dollar; green, 5¼ to 8 lbs for a dollar; package coffee, 15 and 20 cents.

SUGAR—Cut Loaf, 8 lbs for a dollar; powdered, 9 lbs. A, 12 lbs, extra C, 12½ lbs.

EGGS—23 cents a dozen.

POTATOES—50 cents a bushel.

CABBAGE—5 to 15 cents a head.

CELERY—5 cents a bunch.

ORANGES—Florida, 30 cents a dozen.

WALNUTS—75 cents a bushel.

HICKORY NUTS—$1.75 to $1.50 a bushel.

BUTTER—Country, 12½ to 20 cents.

LARD—10 cents a pound.

BACON—11 to 12½ cents a pound.

HAMS—16 cents a pound.

CHICKENS—live, 25 cents each.

TURKEYS—15 cents a pound dressed.

CRANBERRIES—12½ and 15 cents a quart.

SYRUPS—From 50 to $1.00 a gallon.

APPLES—$1 00 a bushel.

STOCK PRICES.

COWS AND HEIFERS—Decatur butchers are paying $3.50 to $4 00 per hundred pounds.

Steers, $4 00 to $5.00 per hundred.

SHEEP—$3 50 per hundred.

HOGS—$4 00 per hundred

CALVES—$5 00 per hundred.

Butchers sell pork at 8 to 10 cents per pound, same for mutton, and 7 to 15 cents a pound for beef.

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Dealers are paying the following prices per bushel for grain:

WHEAT—50 per bu.

CORN—32 cents.

OATS—25 cents.

RYE—40 cents.

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HAY—Loose hay is selling at $8 a ton. Baled hay at 80 cents a bale

COAL.

Decatur and all other soft coal $2.25 a ton delivered; $1 75 a ton at yards.

Indiana Block, $3.50 a ton.

Lehigh hard coal, $8.00 a ton; Lackawanna, $8 50 a ton.

Farmer's Excursion to New Orleans

The Illinois Central R. R. will run a Farmers Excursion to New Orleans and the World's Exposition, leaving Decatur at 5 45 p m, January 27th, 1885. Fare for the round trip, $17 50 Return tickets good for forty days To enable this party to visit the prairie regions of Louisiana, a special low rate excursion will be run from New Orleans to Jeannings, passing through the finest sugar and rice districts of the whole south, and giving the Northwestern farmers such a view of the South as cannot be had in any other way. Coaches will run through to New Orleans without change, and we suggest, as a means of comfort and economy that each person provide himself with a blanket, also a coffee pot and a well-filled lunch basket. Parties desiring Sleeping Car accommodations must apply to me not later than January 20th, and in every instance accompany the application with price of berth. For full particulars apply to the undersigned at Manchester, Ioa.

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Gen. West. Pass. Agt

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REMEMBER J. W. Baker's new Shoe store on Merchant street, between Lyon's grocery and Cole's drug store. 9-dawtf

BEST 25 cent dinner in the city at KEENE' lunch room, 145 East Prairie St. Oct. 22—dtf

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PROGRESS IN STOCK.

Importance of Improving the Condition of Horses and Cattle.

We have been inquiring of farmers and stock breeders throughout the West what progress is being made in stock-raising in their locality. The answers all indicate that stock is attracting universal attention. More grass and more stock is the rule of progress and improved stock is generally required. The prejudice against the improved breeds of stock has given place to enthusiastic admiration, because the more progressive farmers and breeders in every county have demonstrated the practical value and superior merits of the improved breeds over scrub stock. Western farmers and breeders now lead the world in stock breeding, both in quantity and quality. The best of all good breeds of cattle, horses, sheep and hogs have been liberally imported from foreign countries, and with our liberal feed, fine grass and water, and superior stock raising facilities, with that ambition to have the best of everything in stock breeding, we are now enabled to sell back to the old world our high grades at remunerative prices to us, which is cheaper than they can raise them. Hence it is the general tendency of our farmers to convert their grain fields into grass for stock. The uncertainty of grain crops depending upon good seasons can no longer successfully compete with stock raising, and by investing the same amount of money that is required in machinery for grain farming in good breeding stock, in ten years, by the increase of the stock, will create a valuable herd, by keeping the females and selling the males to pay running expenses, while the farm machinery will be worn out and worthless.

The Western States have developed a superior grass country, and stock and grass in this day and age will make any country prosperous, if the improved breeds of stock are bred. With the best stock country on earth and the most and best stock, the West leads the world in stock breeding, and this improved stock breeding is not only more profitable, but it gives more dignity, influence and importance to farming, and makes the farm more inviting to the merchant, manufacturer or capitalist, as well as more attractive and popular for the young farmer. Both the old and the young farmer can more profitably engage his surplus capital in improved stock breeding than in any channels of trade or speculation, for just as true as like produces like does a two-hundred-dollar animal produce offspring that, with two or three years' feeding, will sell for two hundred dollars Thus the stock-breeder cuts off his coupons of one hundred per cent. every year. Whether it is one hundred dollars, five hundred dollars or two thousand, five hundred dollars paid for a female breeding animal of good recorded pedigree, the offspring is worth just as much. Improved sires are just as profitable in paying for themselves every year. The spirit of our extensive intercourse with our readers throughout the West will bear us out in this universal adoption of improved stock-breeding, either of full blood stock or by grading up with full blood sires.—*Western Agriculturist.*

HAY MOWS.

Their Perfect Ventilation a Matter of Vital Importance.

An architect from Iowa writes to the *American Architect* the following letter. We believe the idea of the writer is not new, and that patents have been granted for similar methods of ventilating hay mows and grain bins, nevertheless the suggestions of the writer are good:

"As this matter is of more vital importance than most people, even scientific men, are aware of, I will," says the *Architect's* correspondent, "venture to suggest a mode to ventilate hay lofts, and to give verterinary surgeons something to think of I believe that one-half of the diseases in horses and cattle is brought on by feeding spoiled hay, either taken from hay mows or stacks, also from grain feed that has been heated and spoiled I believe that the heating process, the mouldy parts and must that it produces, will create germs of various kinds that cause diseases in horses and cattle and perhaps swine. I will now venture to suggest a mode of ventilating hay mows, stacks or granaries. I will suggest introducing various air ducts through the hay mows, both horizontal and perpendicular, opening directly outside, so as to admit a current of fresh air, which will cool and cure the hay or grain, and leave it in a healthy state. This may be done by building board ducts and perforating them as much as possible, and then perforating them as much as possible, and then running from the horizontal ducts perpendicular ducts up through the mow, not more than eight to ten feet from each other. Or this may be accomplished in another manner, by using some round instrument, six inches to ten inches or even larger in diameter, say a galvanized iron tube; stand it over the openings in the main air duct, and as the mow is filled up, draw these pipes up through the hay, until the top is reached. This will afford complete ventilation, which will be increased as the mow becomes heated; hence the fresh air drawn in will cool and cure the hay or grain, and by this process thousands of tons of hay and grain can be saved and a vast amount of property will be saved from the destroying elements."—*Scientific American.*

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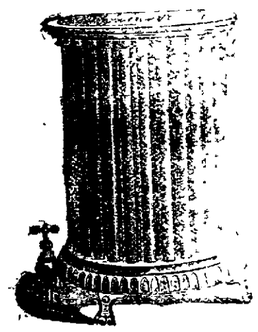

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TUESDAY EVE., JAN. 20, 1885.

YESTERDAY Hon. Wm. M. Evarts was nominated by the Republican caucus at Albany for the New York Senator[illegible] Evarts received 61 votes, Morton 28, Depew 3.

PRESIDENT Arthur has decided to nominate Mr. Carroll D. Wright of Massachusetts for Commissioner of Labor Statistics.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 20.—A goodly number of members of the House were present last evening at 6 o'clock, when acting Speaker Haines entered the room and rapped the House to order

The face of "Illinois' Greatest Parliamentarian" wore a look of resignation, and it was apparent that, at least on the surface, there was no disposition to act in opposition to the will of the House. He carried in his hand a Chicago paper and a number of sheets of legal cap, which some supposed to be his list of committees, but if that supposition was correct, he did not announce them.

Chaplain Ball delivered the usual prayer, varied to suit the occasion, when the gentleman from Alexander, (Linegar) sought the recognition of the chair, but he announced the reading of the Journal to be the first thing in order, and ordered the Clerk to read the Journal.

Mr. Henry moved to dispense with the reading, and it was so done.

The chair then recognized Mr Linegar, who moved to adjourn until to-day at 2 o'clock, and that the pending order of business, Mr. Fuller's appeal from the decision of the Chair, shall be the pending order, as provided for in his resolution adopted Friday night.

The motion was promptly put and the House adjourned.

2:30 p. m.—No action taken in the House up to the time of going to press

The Vandalia Wreck.

The dozen people injured in the accident to a Wabash express train at Venice on the St. Louis branch, yesterday forenoon, are out of danger. The accident was caused by a defective rail, which threw a baggage car and smoker from the track, though the train was going slowly at the time. The injured were Goodin or Baldwin, of Danville; J. J. Matteson, express messenger, who has a wife and family at Toledo, O., not fatally hurt; Ben Carverill, scalds, broken arm and bruises, Mack Rambling, broken arm; George Bennett, of Lafayette, brakeman riding to St. Louis, but not seriously; W. E. Scantlin, of Concord, out, broken wrist; W. W. Hessatt, baggageman, bruised. Brakeman Matlocks, August Koenig, on his way from Germany to the far west, shoulder hurt; Patrick Fleming, of Lafayette, bruised; Hustin Birch, brakeman, cuts and bruises; Effie Martin and Miss M. Fadden, of the east, both on their way to California, and each more or less bruised. Miss McFadden found herself lying under a stove and had to be cut out. One of the cars caught fire, but the flames were extinguished and railroad men came from East St. Louis and put out the flames. The locomotive broke from the train and left the track and ran over ties and rails for several hundred yards.

The Land in Orange

An enthusiastic correspondent of the Iowa *State Register*, on his first visit to Florida writes

It does not seem to me that this land is properly named Florida. It is not a land of flowers, as one may see at this season, and, as residents say, the same is true of the whole year. But if it had been called Orangia, then once old see the propriety of the name. Oranges on all the trees, in the front yards and rear yards, in all the orchards, on the cars, on the boats, in the markets, on the table and in the hands of all who wish to eat, to apply. Oranges everywhere. And such oranges! Dubois! End of a year. If the old gods of mythology had such drink as in the heart of a Florida orange, fresh from the tree, they had better than they deserved, judging them by their characters as handed down in the books.

The way to eat a Florida orange, ripe from the tree, is to chose a russet one, mellow it with the thumbs, as we boys used to do with apples; with a sharp knife cut the stem and bore at once, apply the mouth to the opening, shut the eyes and suck. Ye gods! Has this poor earth any thing better? A few, perhaps, but not many. The Florida orange has one fault, as what good thing earthly has not? The bottom has gone out of the market. The crop is so abundant, and the weather north so cold, that shippers are in despair. Something must be done to get the fruit into the hands and mouths of the consumers quickly and cheaply or the grower can realize nothing, and in that case he must starve or borrow, or almost all he eats—except oranges—must come from the frozen north. It is astonishing to hear those in the business tell how much of the living of man and beast must be brought from the north, from the wind of the cyclones in summer and blizzards in winter, still, the land that gives its people the best and most varied diet of any people under the sun. I advise any enthusiast, thinking to come to Florida for a home, a place to earn his bread and to rear his children, to think a great many times, and to study well the aspects of the case before any decision.

BY TELERGAPH

BEN AND STEVE.

Benjamin F. Butler Sues Steve Elkins For Fulfillment of an Agreement.

A Gang of Highly Connected Boy Burglars Caught in the Act of Blowing a Safe.

The Defaulting Norwich Cashier Arrested --A Hot Knight in Winter Judge Wylie Forces a Verdict.

Butler Sues Elkins for Fulfillment of Agreement.

NEW YORK, January 20.—General Benj. F. Butler has begun suit in the United States Circuit Court against Stephen B. Elkins, to compel the latter to make a deed conveying to the former 100,000 acres of land, being a part of the Mora grant in New Mexico. About February 1st, 1881, Butler agreed to purchase the land at seventy-five cents an acre provided the title was clear. He sent O. D. Barker to New Mexico, who examined the titles and found part of them to be clear and the balance clouded. Butler offered $75,000 for the land despite these objections, which proposition was accepted by Elkins. Several deeds were drawn, but all of these instruments were objectionable to one or the other of the principals. Butler asks that the Court compel Elkins to make out a proper deed, and meanwhile the defendant is enjoined and restrained from disposing of any of the property mentioned.

Highly Connected Boy Burglars.

OTTAWA, ONT., January 20.—During the past week a burglary has been committed nearly every night in this city. No clue to the perpetrators could be obtained until Sunday night, when two brothers named Brown, aged seventeen and nineteen respectively, whose parents are highly respected, were caught in the act of blowing open a safe in Mortimer's bindery. After their arrest they gave the name of a very young lad named Waller, son of ex-Mayor and now County Treasurer Waller, as one of their gang. Waller was arrested in bed at his father's residence yesterday morning. A skeleton key and a key to Mortimer's bindery were found in his possession, while the Brown boys had a quantity of powder and some steel drills in their pockets. Owing to the high social standing of the parents of the young burglars, the affair has caused great excitement in this city.

Defaulting Cashiers Arrested.

NORWICH, CONN., January 20.—Cashier Meech and Assistant Webb of the Merchants' Bank were arrested yesterday and held in $7,500 bonds to answer before the United States District Court at New Haven the fourth Tuesday in February. Cashier Booth of the Shetucket Bank has not been arrested, and it is not known whether he will be.

A Hot Knight in Winter.

CLEVELAND, O., January 20.—A sensation was caused on Broadway yesterday by the horse-whipping of Seth Franklin, a wealthy bachelor, by a young widow named Lena Knight, who claims that Franklin promised to marry her last Christmas, but deserted her for another. Franklin was unable to escape the lady's wrath on account of being hemmed in by a crowd that had collected. After being soundly belabored, he managed to get away while Mrs. Knight was explaining her grievances to the admiring multitude.

Forcing a Verdict.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 20.—The jury in the alleged naval frauds trial, which has had the case since Saturday, being still unable to agree, Judge Wylie this afternoon instructed the Marshal to lock the jury up and keep them confined "without food, water or light" until they agree upon a verdict.

The jury evidently felt the hard discipline of the Court, for, after being confined for three hours, they brought in a verdict of guilty against C. E. Kirkwood, of this city, and Bell Mann, of Chicago. A verdict of guilty was also rendered against F. W. Sanborn, of Massachusetts, in a similar case, but which was tried separately from the Kirkwood case.

A Society of Rabbis.

NEW YORK, January 20.—A conference of ministers of the Jewish faith was held here yesterday to form a society of Rabbis of New York and adjacent States, who will meet at regular times to discuss matters of interest to Judaism in America, and especially in this neighborhood. Rev H. S. Jacobs, of New York, was elected temporary President of the conference; Rev. Dr. Jastrow, of Philadelphia, Vice-President, and Rev. Dr. Paillpsohn, of Baltimore, Secretary. Prayer was delivered by Rev. A. Schlesinger, of Albany. A resolution offered by Dr. Jastrow was adopted congratulating the alliance Israelite Universelle upon the approach of the twenty-fifth anniversary of its existence (on purim, the first day of March), exalting the great work of the alliance toward elevating the down-trodden Jews of the East by placing education, culture and industry within their reach as weapons against political and social oppression; and urging Hebrews all over the country to take action similar to this before the first of March.

After the reading of various papers and reports, committees were appointed to report a perfected plan of organization at a future meeting. Resolutions were adopted in memory of the late Drs. George Jacobs, of Philadelphia, and Adolph Heubsch, of New York.

Among those present, besides the gentlemen named above, were: Rev. Drs. Gotthell, S. Adler, Kohler, F. De Sola Mendes, H. P. Mendes, and A Wise, of New York; Wintner and Chapman, of Brooklyn; Landsberg, of Rochester, Guttman, of Syracuse; Radin, of Elmira; Leucht of Newark, N. J., and A. P. Mendes, of Newport, R. I.

The Old, Old Story.

BROCKTON, MASS., January 20.—Four months ago the firm of J. H. Beals & Co. discovered that they had been systematically robbed by William Ray, their trusted bookkeeper. His plan was to place a fictitious name on the pay-roll, and misappropriate some $25 a month salary. On being confronted with the evidence, Ray confessed, but pleaded to be retained for the sake of his wife and children. The firm yielded. Within a few days evidence of Ray's continued ill-doing has come to light. His books are in a complicated condition, and only an expert examination will show the amount of his theft. He will be arrested.

Decision Confirmed.

CINCINNATI, O., January 20.—Judge Sage, of the United States Court, yesterday confirmed a former decision in an interesting case in chancery. Shortly after the war of the rebellion broke out suit was brought by Wm. F. Hanna and others against General Albert G. Jenkins, of Virginia, then in the Confederate army, and property at Ironton, Ohio, belonging to him was seized and sold under execution. Jenkins' heirs brought suit in chancery to recover the property. The petition was denied, and Judge Sage refused a rehearing, holding that his first opinion that Jenkins' relation to the Government did not affect the execution was correct.

Too Cold to Go Up.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., January 20.—Owing to the cold weather the balloon ascension which was to have taken place at sunrise yesterday morning, had to be postponed. The voyage was to have been made in the interest of the Signal Service Department of the Government, and Professor King, the celebrated aeronaut, was to have been accompanied by an officer of the service, who was to have made observations at various elevations. The ascension will be made as soon as the weather moderates.

Freight Pool Gone to Pieces.

CHICAGO, ILL., January 20.—From present appearances it looks as if the Eastern freight pool had gone to pieces. All of the Vanderbilt lines have left the pool and are carrying grain to New York for twenty-two cents. The Pennsylvania Company have met the reduction of the other lines, but have made no lower rates than twenty-two cents. A prominent official of the Pennsylvania Company said yesterday that unless things were settled soon there would be a lively time among the Eastern roads.

Waite's Good-bye—On a Secret Mission.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 20.—Chief Justice Waite called upon the President yesterday morning and bade him good-bye. The Chief Justice and Mrs. Waite expect to leave here this afternoon for St. Augustine, Fla.

It is stated that the flagship Tennessee, which sailed from Hampton Roads Saturday, on her way to New Orleans, is under orders to proceed immediately to Key West, Fla., to investigate a report that a filibustering expedition is organizing at that point to aid the Cuban insurrection.

Seven Ravens Stranded.

CHICAGO, ILL., January 20.—After a checkered career of several months, the "Seven Ravens" Company, organized and started on the road by Poole & Gilmore, of New York, has disbanded. When the spectacular company came to McVicker's, it was upon money advanced by McVicker himself, the company then having been deserted by Poole and Gilmore. Most of the ballet girls live in New York, and have no means of returning. Some of them, who have contracts, threaten to sue the managers.

A Fleet of Coal Boats Sunk.

PITTSBURG, PA., January 20.—A fleet of several coal boats and six barges, all loaded with coal belonging to J. C. Risher, broke loose from their moorings in the Ohio yesterday morning and drifted out into the center of the stream. Tow boats immediately put out after them, but all except one coal-boat and a barge sank within three miles of the point, from which they started. One of the sunken boats is so situated that it will interfere with navigation. The loss is very heavy, amounting to $24,000.

Jack Frost at a Fire.

RIPON, WIS., January 20.—Yesterday morning a fire broke out in the Greenway Block, completely destroying it and the residence of James Greenway in the rear. The loss on the business building is $8,000. The Post-office on the first floor was burned out, but all the stamps, letters, papers, and funds were removed. Shaw's shoe store was also burned out, causing a loss of $5,000. The loss on the residence is $3,000. The chemical engine could not be worked, owing to the severe cold, the weather being thirty below zero.

The Kankakee Horror.

KANKAKEE, ILL., January 20.—The bodies of the remaining five victims of the hospital fire were recovered yesterday. They are:

Alfred Ranyard, aged fifty, of Winnebago; C. M. Tyler, forty-five, of Shaddon; C. Strolz, sixty-five, of Chicago; Orlando Ellis, of Pontiac; John Mathan, forty-two, of Chicago.

The Coroner's jury has not yet finished the taking of testimony

Talmage's Popularity Shown in Pew Rents.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., January 20.—The annual sale of pews of Dr. Talmage's Tabernacle took place last night. The bidding was spirited. The first choice was sold for $810. The amount of the sales was not figured up at midnight, but is said to exceed that of last year, which was $21,482.

A High-Handed Attempt at Robbery.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., January 20.—At two o'clock, Saturday afternoon, at the office of the Grant Mill, owned by B. B. & R. Knight, two men presented a pistol at the head of Edward Burlingame, bookkeeper, and demanded the money, $2,700, of which had just been put up to pay the help. Burlingame refused to surrender. The robbers were evidently expecting a third party, but he did not appear, and as there was another person in the room with Burlingame, the men ran away.

The Norwalk Explosion.

SOUTH NORWALK, CONN., January 20.—The situation in regard to the dynamite explosion here on Friday night remains unchanged, although vigorous efforts are being made to ferret out the real culprits. Mayor Taylor left on Saturday for New York, and it is hinted by men who ought to know that he brought back with him two Pinkerton detectives who are working upon the case. It is now openly asserted by the strikers that the explosion was the result of a nicely concocted scheme by bosses to cast odium on the strikers.

Don't Give Up Yet.

It doesn't follow that a patient will die because the doctors have "given him up," or that he will recover because they promise to "pull him through." It is never too late to try the great virtues of Parker's Tonic. Mr. Michael Guilfoyle, of Binghampton, N. Y, was cured of Rheumatism by it after ten years of unspeakable suffering. Mr. R. W. Mosher, druggist, of same city, certifies that he has sold over a thousand bottles of Parker's Tonic through its reputation for this and other cures. jan1 deodawkw

THE greatest foe of American people is consumption. Its victims number many thousands each year. Physicians and druggists have at last found a remedy which they feel justified in recommending. This is Dr. Bigelow's Positive Cure, which cures consumption in stages that other remedies are of no benefit. It cures coughs, colds, and all throat and lung diseases speedily and safely. Price 50 cents and $1. Trial bottles free. For sale by Dr. A. J. Stoner. 3

DO NOT forget the Great New York Fire Store has been removed to No. 118 Merchant street, where the stock will be sold cheaper than ever. j17-d1m

OHIO was the most wicked State in this country last year, according to the crime statistics that have just been issued. There were 189 murders in Ohio, Texas ranking second with 184. Rhode Island and Delaware being the smallest States had the smallest number of murders, each having eleven.

SPOILED THE FUN.

Inspector Thorne Puts a Stop to the Biggest Glove Fight of the Season.

The Wife-Beater Meets More Than His Match in His Old Antagonist, Paddy Ryan.

The Contest Declared No Fight By the Referee, But Given to Ryan By the Crowd.

NEW YORK, January 20.—At least 7,000 people paid admission to Madison Square Garden last night to witness the much talked of glove contest between John L. Sullivan and Paddy Ryan, the crowd being composed of men of all grades of society. The first part of the programme was of the usual character, but the boxing and wrestling of the lesser lights failed to excite much interest.

At a quarter past ten a loud yell proclaimed that the stars of the evening were making their way to the platform Sullivan was the first to make his appearance. He was dressed in flesh-colored drawers, green stockings and a sleeveless silk shirt, such as rowing men wear. Paddy Ryan immediately followed. He was stripped to the buff, and wore white flannel knee breeches and green stockings. Dan Murphy and Pat Sheedy esquired Sullivan, while Ned Mallahan and Jimmy Patterson performed a like office for Ryan. The weights given out were 197 pounds for Ryan, while Sullivan was given as 212 pounds.

After some delay in the selection of a referee, John Scannell was agreed to. When all the preliminaries had been settled, Captain Williams handed each man his gloves. They weighed about four ounces, and were much smaller than the ordinary boxing gloves.

The men then put up their hands, and Sullivan led off at the body with his left, but the blow fell short and Ryan jumped back. In stepping into distance again, Ryan was met by Sullivan's left glove, which just reached his face, making a slight blow. The meeting brought them to short range, and Ryan swung his right hard into the champion's ear. Sullivan rallied quickly and made play at the face, landing a good clean blow. Ryan again countered twice, once on the neck and again on the ear. Then came a clinch, which was terminated by Ryan getting Sullivan's head in chancery and administering two heavy blows on the Bostonian's ribs. They then broke away and sparred at long range for a second or two, when they came together again. This time Sullivan made his lead on the mouth, Ryan putting in a clean straight left-handed counter on the chest, and a swinging right on the ear. Then they rattled away at short range, Ryan getting the best of the exchanges, which were all over the body and face. This close work precipitated another clinch, and as they stood hugging each other Inspector Thorne jumped on the stage and stopped the fight. The contestants went to their corners expecting to resume the fight, but the inspector was inexorable, and told Captain Williams to take the gloves away. This was done, and the crowd howled their disappointment. The referee said he considered it no fight, but the popular verdict was that Ryan had the call. No arrests were made.

Sporting News.

NEW YORK, January 20.—Mr. Charlie E. Davies, of Chicago, has arrived in this city. Last night he saw Burke, Greenfield and Mitchell with a view to arranging with one of them to spar Captain James H. Dalton in Chicago during the latter part of this month. Mr. Davies prefers Greenfield as being more prominently before the public, and having made the best showing with Sullivan. Mr. Davies leaves for Chicago to-night, accompanied by a party of New York sporting men who desire to witness the wrestling match between Faulkner and Rabshaw.

Duncan Ross telegraphed to Mr. Davies yesterday to make a match for him for a broadsword combat for $500 or $1,000 a side with Colonel Thomas H. Monstery, to take place in Chicago, Cleveland or New York.

Opposed to Slugging.

NEW YORK, January 20.—Mayor Grace sent a letter to the Police Commissioners yesterday in which he said he had been informed that Sullivan and Ryan, who had previously fought a prize-fight in another State, were to spar at Madison Square Garden last night. The Mayor regarded it as his duty to instruct the Commissioners, if they were not empowered to prevent the contest, they should at least not allow the performance to degenerate into a slugging match.

FORTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 19.—Thirteen Senators were in their seats when the opening prayer was made. Vice-President pro tem, Edmunds, waited about ten minutes for the Senators to arrive before ordering the Clerk to read the journal. The chair occupied by the late Senator Anthony was heavily draped in mourning.

At 12:30 p. m., after the transaction of some unimportant business, Senator Aldrich offered an appropriate resolution and addressed the Senate in eulogy of the late Senator.

Eulogistic remarks were also made by Senators Edmunds, Bayard, Pendleton, Morrill, Garland, Hoar, Butler, Ingalls, Hawley, Manderson and Sheffield. A noticeable feature of the occasion was the respectful silence maintained and the close attention paid to the eulogies delivered, several of which, though as usual, largely made up of quotations, rose considerably above the average merits of such compositions.

At the conclusion of the eulogies, the Senate, at 2:50 p. m., adjourned.

House.

After several attempts had been made without success to pass bills by unanimous consent, the regular order was demanded, and the Speaker proceeded to call the States and Territories for the introduction of bills for reference. The more important measures introduced were the following:

By Mr. Broadhead (of Mo.): To establish grade and rate pensions for pilots on gunboats during the late war.

MARK TWAIN knows how to advertise, and he got up a suit at law with a firm of leading publishers before they had sold "thirty-five copies" He can pay his lawyers and all court expense, and draw out of the case with a clean $5,000 worth of advertising. That is a good practical joke.

THE new Mayor of New York is trying to close the saloons on Sundaa. Instead of protesting, defying and resisting, the Germans directly interested to the number of 500 met together the other day and passed resolutions calling on the authorities for a strict enforcement of the Sunday law, and asking the brewers to compel their customers to join in the movement.

A MONTANA man comes to the front with a story about finding a cave full of petrified rattlesnakes. When the whisky makes a fellow see 'em petrified, it must be of a character simply awful.

By Mr. Cox (of New York): To authorize the construction of one steel gunboat.

By Mr. Curtin (of Pennsylvania): Reviving the act of August 15th, 1867, providing for telegraphic communication between the United States and Asia.

By Mr. Collins (of Massachusetts): A resolution extending the thanks of Congress to Captain Michael A. Healey, and the officers and men of the revenue steamer Corwin, for rescuing shipwrecked persons in the Arctic seas.

At the conclusion of the call, Mr. Hitt (of Illinois) in behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, moved to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill providing for the exercise of jurisdiction to be conferred upon the United States in places outside of its jurisdiction. The bill proposes a general revision of the laws governing the consular courts of the United States.

On a demand from Mr. Holman, the bill was seconded, 97 to 54. Mr. Hitt explained the bill, and urged the necessity for its passage. The bill was opposed by Messrs. Cox (of New York), McAdoo (of New Jersey), and Holman (of Indiana). Mr. Curtin (of Pennsylvania) urged the passage of the bill and Mr. Hill closed the debate on that side. The motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill was lost, yeas, 149; nays, 104—not the necessary two-thirds in the affirmative.

The next committee on the list was the Military Committee, which it was understood would call up the original Grant retirement bill.

Mr. Lowery (of Indiana) moved to adjourn, and the yeas and nays were ordered on that motion. At this moment the Anthony resolutions were brought from the Senate, and Mr. Chace (of Rhode Island) asked for their immediate consideration.

Mr. Bayne (of Pennsylvania) and Mr. Slocum (of New York) objected. A similar request to that of Mr. Chase was made again after the motion to adjourn had been voted down by a vote of—yeas, 60; nays, 193. Several dilatory motions were then made by Messrs. Lowry (of Indiana) and Mills (of Texas), and finally at five o'clock the House adjourned.

A Portrait of President Garfield.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 19.—The House Committee on Appropriations this morning added a clause to the Indian bill which requires the Secretary of the Interior to report to the next Congress the aggregate of all Indian depredation claims allowed under treaties or otherwise, together with his opinion as to what prorata of claims should be paid out of the treaty funds.

The committee received a letter from Senator Sherman, stating that the Joint Committee on Library had purchased of Mrs. Fassett, a portrait of President Garfield, and inquiring if it could be hung upon the walls of the room of the House Committee on Appropriations. The portrait was accepted.

Contested Election Cases.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 20.—The House Committee on Elections expect to day to get up in the House the Massey-Wise (Virginia) contested election case. The report of the committee is in favor of Wise (Readjuster), who is the sitting member, and it will doubtless be adopted. At its meeting to-day the Frederick-Wilson (Iowa) case will be disposed of by the committee. The report will be in favor of Frederick (Democrat) as against Wilson, the sitting member. To-morrow it is expected that the committee will act on the McLean-Broadhead (Missouri) contest and agree to report in favor of Broadhead (Democrat), the sitting member

Defending the United States Engineers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 20.—General John Newton, Chief of Engineers, under date of the 17th inst., addressed a letter to Hon. A. S. Willis, Chairman of the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, criticising and dissenting from the report of the Senate Committee on the bill for the improvement of Galveston Harbor by the Eads Jetty system, and defending the work that has been done by United States Engineers in the matter of the improvement of the harbor.

Weather Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 20.—For the Upper Mississippi Valley, fair, warmer weather, winds shifting to westerly, lower barometer.

For the Missouri Valley, warmer, fair weather, winds generally westerly, falling barometer.

For Wednesday—Local rains or snows are indicated for the lake regions, Tennessee, The Ohio, Upper Mississippi and Missouri Valleys with warmer weather, and fair, slightly warmer weather for New England.

Business Will Proceed.

WASHINGTON, D. D., January 20.—Bank-Examiner Mygatt has reported to the Comptroller of the Currency that the embezzlements from the Shetucket and Merchants' National Banks of Norwick, Conn., will not interfere with the business of the banks, and that the depositors will be protected.

Senatorial Caucus.

ALBANY, N. Y., January 20.—The caucus of Democratic members of the Legislature for the nomination of a candidate for United States Senator will be held in the Assembly parlor at 10 a. m. to-day.

ALBANY, N. Y., January 20.—The joint caucus voted as follows: Evarts, 61; Morton, 28; Depew, 3. This insures Evarts' election on joint ballot.

Knights of Labor in Convention.

BOSTON, MASS., January 20.—The annual session of the Thirtieth District Assembly, Knights of Labor, convened at ten o'clock yesterday. Among the delegates were seven women. There was a large attendance. Reports of officers showed a remarkable growth during the past year. Many new districts have been formed and several co-operative enterprises inaugurated, and grocery stores and shoe factories have been established. A newspaper named the *Laborer* has been started at Haverhill under the sole and direct auspices of the order. It was stated that a large hat factory was to be started in Haverhill next month, to be controlled by the Knights. The convention adjourned with the delegates well satisfied with the progress achieved during the past year.

A Cut in Wages Announced.

LAWRENCE, MASS., January 20.—The Pemberton Mills, employing 800 hands, announce a cut in wages February 2d of from five to ten per cent.

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Nice Cord Wood, $4.50 per cord, delivered
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Soft Coal, $1.75 at yard; $2.25 per ton, delivered.
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Yard next to Shellabarger's mill, on Water street. Telephone 139.

GEO. W. EHRHART.
Decatur, Ill., Jan. 17, 1885—dtf

FRESH oysters by dish or can, at J. H. Krebs, 146 East Prairie street. 19d&wtf

MONDAY was the coldest day of the season. The temperature in Illinois ranged from 10 to 32 degrees below zero. The mercury sunk to a very low point all over the country.

AN old lady in Rochester, N. Y., the other day, was anxiously looking for a shop where she had bought a pair of corsets thirty-one years before.

THE Patent Ear Muffler at B. Stine's. dawtf

NIAGARA has once more assumed her winter garb. The strong west winds in the last few days broke up the heavy lake ice, and the winds changing to the south brought it down over the falls in enormous quantities into the gorge, forming a mammoth ice bridge. The fringe-ice hanging from the rocks adjacent to the falls, with the heavy stalactites and the shrub-ice on the trees, formed from the spray, together with a white, snow ground, present a beautiful picture.

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FEED STORE.—W. F. Penlwell at 151 Prairie str et handles all kinds of stock feed which he offers at the lowest figures. He will fill all orders promptly, and deliver to any part of the city. Full weight guaranteed j16d1*

FOR SALE. Lots in the Gault Addition to Decatur, fronting south on Priest St., and north on Gault Place, just east of the Tray Factory. Offered at very low Prices and easy terms. Only seven blocks from Post Office. Apply to M. G. Patterson, Opera House Block. j16dtf

FOR SALE.—Several good cows; will be fresh soon. John A. Brown. 15

TO RENT.—40 acre farm one mile south of Decatur. Address, Daniel Ryan 322 N. Water St. j14d1w*

A LADY OF EXPERIENCE as housekeeper in both in hotels and private families, would like the position of housekeeper in a private family or hotel. The best of references given. Address, box 1224, Decatur, Ill. j13d2w

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE for merchandise, $8,000 to $10,000 improved farms near R. R. P., Drawer 12, Griggsville, Pike Co., Illinois. 7d4w.

WANTED—One agent, lady or gentleman, in every county. Steady employment. Our agents are making from $3 to $7 per day. Full particulars sent free Address at once PARK MFG. CO., 236, Broadway, New York; Box 1321. Dec. 20-d&w3m

25,000 LILIES.—Mr. Boneham of the Friends Creek Nursery, planted 25,000 Lilies last fall. Dec. 25-d&wlm*

ROOMS FOR RENT—Single or double, furnished or unfurnished, with all modern conveniences, grates, closets, gas, etc. 511 West Main street. dec22-dtf

FOR SALE—TWO HOUSES AND LOTS, on corner of West Jefferson and Church, No. 229, 66x182, eight rooms and cellar, well, cistern and fruit. Also, on Cemetery street, No. 65, 60x150, new house two story, 8 rooms, cellar cistern, and good fruit; nice location. Enquire at latter place of
Oct. 23—dtf JACOB CONSTANT.

WANTED—All to know that V. H. PARKE has the only complete Feed Store in the city. He keeps all kinds of Stock Feed, Hard and Soft Coal, Fire Kindlers, etc., at the Scales, adjoining the Tabernacle. j8o28-dtf

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At 60c on the Dollar.

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Our Great Sale is Over!

We converted the amount of goods we wanted to and have

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WE WANTED.

Our stock looks as it should in January in every department, and yet you don't miss the $10,000 worth very much except in our Silverware cases.

We will offer some very decided

BARGAINS IN WATCHES

During the balance of January.

Our vault was overloaded with Fine Watches, and after we sold during our sacrifice sale 500 Watches, gold and silver, we find that in that department alone we still have more than we want in

JANUARY OF A DULL YEAR.

Respectfully,

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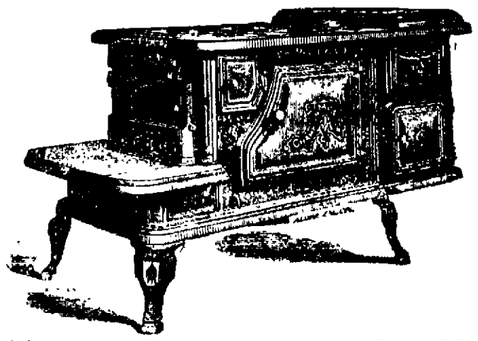

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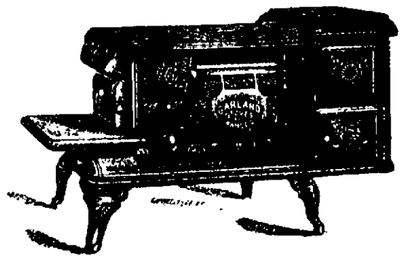

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TUESDAY EVE., JAN. 20, 1885.

LOCAL NEWS.

DOLL CARRIAGES, Wagons and Velocipedes, all styles, sizes and prices, at E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.'s.

NEW moon season.

HEAR dem bells jingle, jingle, jingle.

THE roller rink was booming again last night.

THE "Rag Baby" comedy Thursday night.

THE ice dealers ought to be hopeful. The weather has been favorable for them.

THE small boy now remaineth out late o' nights coasting and freez-th his ears.

DR. J. BROWN will pay cash for a first-class horse. Must not weigh less than 1200 pounds. 20-d2w1

FINE music in the comedy, "A Rag Baby."

THE plumbers are kept busy fixing broken water pipes. This is the harvest season for them.

THE favorite compressed yeast and oysters by the can or in bulk on sale at Peter Ullrich's grocery store.

THE place to get a warm meal at any hour, is at Crosthwait Bros'. stylish restaurant, 114 Water street. Give them a trial and you will go again and often.

ALL first-class dealers sell Schroeder's celebrated Bohemian cigars, because they are the best nickel smokers.

"BOB" BURDETTE will give his "Advice to a Young Man" at the opera house next Monday eve, Jan. 26. Hear Bob and have a good laugh. 20-d5t

THERE will be another recital at the Decatur Musical College to morrow evening, and all those to whom Mrs. Oakes has sent invitations will be cordially welcomed.

J. B. RICHMOND & Co, of Mattoon, have sued the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railroad for $453 in over-charges on 111 car-loads of grain.

BURKS' White Pine Balsam for hoarseness.

PRESIDENT PRIEST thinks of putting the narrow gauge street cars on runners, or look the wheels and let the cars slide along over the snow.

THE remains of the late Mrs. Wiley Wilson were expressed to Pana to-day for burial.

ORDERS have been received from the Wabash officials requiring, as a condition of remaining in the service, that employes shall promptly pay all debts they contract

THE Citizens' company deserve and receive the thanks of the public for their enterprise in keeping their line open, cars going in all sorts of weather. They triumphed in their fight over the snow.

THE reliable music dealer is C. B. Prescott, whose popular parlor is in opera house block. Call there and examine those elegant Haines Bros. pianos.

PROF. LEONARD will organize his class in dancing at the Conservatory of Music, Merchant street, on Thursday evening, Jan 22, when terms will be made known The time is limited, and those wishing instruction should not fail to attend. 20-d3

THE trial of Alfred Bailey for assault and battery was concluded before Justice Curtis last evening. The defendant, who conducted his own case, was fined $5 and costs and ordered to stand committed, with the chain gang attachment, until the same is paid. He was returned to jail by Officer Hartley. Bailey wanted Curtis to take his note for the fine, but the Justice said nay.

NIP that cold "in the bud" or it may become chronic. Burks' White Pine Balsam will surely cure it.

FOR a hearty laugh and an enjoyable evening see "A Rag Baby" Thursday evening. Popular prices—35, 50 and 75 cents.

THE great young actor, James O'Neill, in "Monte Christo," is headed for Decatur. A mammoth special car is used to carry the realistic scenery and stage pictures painted expressly for this grand romantic drama.

A tickling cough will tickle no more if you take a few doses of Burks' White Pine Balsam. A sure cure for coughs and colds.

FREELEY CALDWELL sends word that "A Rag Baby," which appears here Thursday evening, is the funniest comedy that has been given in Lafayette this season.

PATRONIZE Niedermeyer's family grocery store on the mound, and get what you want delivered promptly at your home.

THE telegraph companies print in small type on the back of their messages a notice to the effect that they will not be responsible for mistakes in transmission unless the sender will pay for having the dispatch repeated. The Illinois Supreme Court has decided that this notice is not a sufficient one. The attention of the sender must be particularly called to it in order to relieve the company of responsibility.

Y. M. C. A.

Young men's meeting to-night from 7 to 8 All young men and strangers are cordially invited to attend.

The German class will meet at 8 this evening.

The gymnasium will be open at eight o'clock to-night. Thirty-five of the boys attended the gymnasium last evening. Mr John Brett conducted the class drill

The next sociable at the rooms will be held on Thursday evening, Jan. 29th. A good programme is being prepared. Plan to attend.

Mrs. Emma Davenport will accept thanks for papers furnished for the jail. We could use more of this kind of literature, and those having religious and moral papers that they do not need will be scattering good seed if they will send them to the Y. M. C. A. rooms for distribution. The Gen'l Sec'y will see that they are wisely distributed.

Mr. Editor:—Many of your readers may be benefitted by the knowledge of such an excellent remedy as Dr. Jones' Red Clover Tonic, which produces the most favorable results in disorders of the liver, stomach and kidneys, and is a valuable remedy in dyspepsia; also debility arising from malaria or other causes. It is a perfect tonic, appetizer, blood purifier, and a sure cure for ague. Price 50 cents. For sale by Dr. A. J. Stoner. 3

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CIRCUIT COURT.

December Term, 1884, Judge C. B. Smith Presiding.

TUESDAY, JAN. 20.

Court convened at 8:30 a. m.

PEOPLE'S DOCKET.

The riot case against John Langdon, Frank Miller and Charles Lilleston placed on trial fell through a nolle being entered as to Miller, who was discharged. The case was continued as to Langdon and Lilleston by agreement

The jury in the larceny case against Richard Carter returned a verdict of not guilty. Defendant discharged.

The appeal case of Daniel W. Jones was dismissed for want of prosecution, and a writ of procedendo awarded

In the case of Fred Knieper, charged with burglary and larceny, jury was sworn and part of the evidence heard Judge Neison and I. A. Buckingham appearing for the prisoner. Mr. Vail entered a nolle as to the burglary charge and the defendant pleaded guilty to the larceny accusation The jury was discharged and the prisoner was sentenced to 10 days imprisonment in the county jail.

Attorney for Christopher L. Hobleson, indicted for perjury, entered a motion to quash the indictment.

Willis Johnson, jr., charged with gaming, pleaded guilty to third count, and fined $35 and costs. Nolle as to other counts.

Peter Green, charged with petit larceny, pleaded guilty to first count, and was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail.

Thomas Hogan, charged with petit larceny, pleaded guilty to first count, and was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail.

The People vs. Charles Potter and Teddy Cochran; grand larceny in stealing game birds from Bienz & Wheelock; trial by jury, pending.

Caught by Rittenhouse.

Detective Rittenhouse of this city, is at work on an intricate robbery case, or series of robberies that have lately occurred in Champaign county. To-day he left for Champaign having in custody one Bill Wilson, a colored man whom he apprehended in Bloomington. Wilson is charged with being one of the robbers. His wife lives in Decatur. The detective has located other parties, through the confession of a prisoner he has in hock in Champaign.

THE postoffice department has given notice to postmasters of an order which permits the forwarding of all classes of mail matter or the return of the same at the request of the sender without the prepayment of postage, the latter being collected as postage due at the office of delivery.

IT is stated that an order has been issued on the Wabash railroad by which engineers are to be fined $1 for leaving their headlights burning after daylight in the morning. It causes considerable dissatisfaction among the engineers.

Clean Off the Roofs.

Owners of buildings and store-keepers who don't want to be drowned out when the thaw comes, should climb higher at once and shovel the accumulated snow off the roofs. Don't use iron shovels recklessly and tear the tin, or the tinners who will be called upon to mend the broken places will dance for joy at the boom in business.

DESPITE the severely cold weather last night Manager Haines succeeded in keeping the opera house comfortably warm, and all sat through the "Fritz" performance pleased with the even temperature. The hall is now heated by steam from the Norman laundry boiler, and the heating apparatus is so managed by Mr. Haines as to give universal satisfaction.

IN the county court to-day Mr. Buckingham, of counsel for Peter Perl, defendant in the coroner contest case, entered a demurrer to the documents filed by Jesse Bendure, the contestant. The matter will come up for argument in due time. The day is not set.

IT was colder last night by several degrees. At 7:30 o'clock this morning it was 8 degrees below zero, colder by 6 degrees than it was yesterday morning at the same hour. It was 14 above at noon. Moderating.

THE members of the Universalist Church will have a sociable at the residence of Mr. D. L. Bunn this evening They will meet at the residence of Dr. Cass Chenoweth, at 7 o'clock, where sleighs will be in readiness to convey them out to Mr. Bunn's residence.

FRANK DANIELS, Charles Drew, Mark Sullivan, Bessie Sanson and other noted professionals are with "A Rag Baby" company, which appears here Thursday. Seats now selling.

Emmet as "Fritz."

The opera house was filled last night by one of the finest audiences of the season to witness the noted German comedian, J. K. Emmet, and his company in one of his plays called "Fritz." The piece was a home picture with just enough of the sensational situations and plot to satisfy the spectators. The central figure was Mr. Emmet, whose easy and natural acting, graceful dancing and simple songs have made him a favorite in every city and town he has ever visited. He is nothing if not natural, and here is the secret of his success. He knows well how to reach the hearts of his audiences, and to accomplish this purpose more effectively last night he introduced two little girls whose nursery performances were richly enjoyed. The entertainment was a treat. The company carries special scenery and has its own orchestra. We hope to have a return visit from Mr. Emmet. He is a prime favorite here.

It Should be Generally Known

that the multitude of diseases of a scrofulous nature generally proceed from a torpid condition of the liver. The blood becomes impure because the liver does not act properly and work off the poison from the system, and the certain results are blotches, pimples, eruptions, swellings, tumors, ulcers, and kindred affections, or settling upon the lungs and poisoning their delicate tissues, until ulceration, breaking down, and consumption is established. Dr Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" will, by acting upon the liver and purifying the blood, cure all these diseases.

Cheap Entertainments.

Tickets for the remaining Lecture Course, consisting of "Bob" Burdette, the Nashville Students and Joseph Cook, including reserved seats, can now be had for $1 00. A. H. MILLS, Sec'y. 20-d4t

Potter at Peoria.

Rev. Coultas announced Sunday that the proposed revival at the First Methodist Church would begin on the 20th, and would be conducted by Evangelist Potter, who is now in Peoria. The *Transcript* of the 19th said:

It was a grand victory at the First M. E Church all day yesterday. Large crowds attended every one of the four services. About forty manifested a desire to be saved, and twenty-seven joined the church, making over one hundred and sixty who have united with the church thus far, and a good start on the third hundred who have been converted and ready for the jubilee next Sabbath There will be services every night and at 2 o'clock each afternoon this week. Mr. Potter leads the battle grandly.

You can always find the Latest Styles and best Boots and Shoes at Busher's. jan19-dtf

THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

Paving Ordinance Adopted—The Decatur Company Gets the Coal Contract.

The city council met last night pursuant to adjournment, Acting Mayor Lake and all the aldermen in attendance.

COMMUNICATION.

Wabash Agent Harwood presented a communication to the effect that the Wabash would gladly pay its proportion of the cost of paving Morgan street north of the Wabash road.

THE COAL QUESTION SETTLED.

F. D. Caldwell, through the water works committee, Alds. Diehl, Roberts and Lake, presented the communication as published in the city papers, and made the proposition that another test be made as to the relative qualities of Pana and Decatur coal, the city to select one competent engineer, Mr. Caldwell another and both engineers a third man—these three men to conduct the test again and submit the result to the council and taxpayers.

Ald. Muzzy offered a motion that the proposition be laid upon the table and that the bid of the Decatur Coal Company, at a $1.60 a ton, be accepted. Seconded by Ald. Shoemaker.

Ald. Diehl offered an amendment that the Caldwell proposition be accepted Seconded by Ald. Roberts.

Ald. Muzzy, in discussing the motion, said that the test of the coal had been fairly made, and he was now prepared to vote in favor of the Decatur bid.

Ald. Diehl spoke in support of his amendment, intimating that the test made by Mr. Barnett was not fair because it did not show how many gallons of water were pumped during a given number of hours.

Ald. Gogerty held that the council should stand by the report of Mr. Barnett, who is considered a competent engineer. The alderman had discovered that the engineer at the Electric Light Station had not used Decatur coal for two years, and further that the engineer at Taylor & Co.'s place had until recently been shoveling shavings at Mills & Harry's planing mill, and he didn't consider him a proper judge at all. Ald Gogerty announced that he was in favor of giving the contract to the Decatur company, and would vote for the Muzzy resolution, in support of home industry, the same as he would favor Decatur-made flour or the production of any Decatur mill or factory

Ald. Muzzy again spoke in support of his resolution. In the course of his speech he became quite emphatic, and took occasion to present the answer of the Decatur Coal Co., as published in the REPUBLICAN last evening. He stated in conclusion that there seemed to be a combination of some sort against Decatur coal.

Ald. Roberts spoke in support of the Diehl amendment, and said all he wanted was fair play.

Ald. Shoemaker arose to support the Muzzy resolution, and said he had been reliably informed that the car-load of Pana coal used for the test was a picked load that could not be got at the works until three days after it was ordered.

Ald. Starr thought that it was not the business of the city to test the qualities of the competing coal further than had been done. He would vote to let the contract to the Decatur company.

Ald. Diehl spoke in vindication of the committee, and said that at the time the city ordered the car-load of Pana coal, Caldwell did not have any but broken loads on hand, and that he positively did not have time to order a picked load He considered the charge an explosion.

The vote on the Diehl amendment was aye, Diehl and Roberts. Nay, Alexander, Muzzy, Oakes, Gogerty, Starr, Shoemaker and Wayne—7 to 2. Lost.

DECATUR AHEAD.

TheMuzzy resolution laying the Caldwell proposition on the table and letting the coal contract to the Decatur company for one year, was then adopted by a vote of 7 to 2, Alds. Diehl and Roberts voting in the negative.

Ald. Diehl arose to state that the strong had prevailed against the right, and he desired the clerk in writing up the vote on the question to underscore his name so that all may see it readily. Muzzy suggested that the name be written in CAPS.

The claim of Ald. Roberts for $6 00, expenses to Bloomington was allowed.

PAVED ROUTE TO THE DEPOT.

An ordinance was presented for the improvement of certain streets from the old square to the depot as follows:

That the following streets in the city of Decatur, commencing at the intersection of North Main street with the north line of the old square, thence north on North Main street to its intersection with the north line of William street, thence east on William street to its intersection with the east line of Franklin street; thence north on Franklin to its intersection with the north line of North street; thence east on North street to its intersection with the east line of Broadway street; thence north on Broadway to its intersection with the north line of Eldorado street; thence east on Eldorado street to its intersection with the east line of the right of way of the Illinois Central railroad; also commencing on Broadway at its intersection with North street, thence south on Broadway to its intersection with East Main street; also commencing on Franklin street at its intersection with William street, thence south on Franklin to East Main street; also north on Park street, commencing with its intersection with Franklin street, thence west to Water street; also Morgan street from Eldorado north to the Wabash railway, shall be improved by grading, guttering and paving with brick.

The ordinance provides that the expense be paid by special assessment, and Messrs. J. Edward Bering, G. V. Loring and T. T. Roberts were appointed a special committee to make an estimate of the cost and apportion the assessment.

The ordinance was adopted section by section, and then adopted as a whole by a unanimous vote of the aldermen.

The Citizens' Street Railway ordinance was presented, but on motion action was deferred until Tuesday evening, 20th.

A SECOND ROUTE.

An ordinance was presented providing for the paving of another route from the square to the depot as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of East Main with east line of old square, thence east on said East Main street to its intersection with east line of Water street, thence north on said Water street to its intersection with the north line of Cerro Gordo street, thence east on Cerro Gordo street to its intersection with Front street; and also commencing on North street at its intersection with said Water street, thence west on said North street to Main street, thence south on said Main street to the old square, shall be improved by grading, guttering and paving with brick.

The attempt to suspend rule 15 and adopt the ordinance failed, and the ordinance was laid over until next meeting.

The council then adjourned to Tuesday evening, Jan. 20th.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Demas Barrackman was in the city today.

Ed. Priest is in the drug business at Louis.

Senator Rogers returned to Springfield and the democratic circus last evening.

Elder J. V. Beekman, of Lincoln, was at the New Deming yesterday.

Thomas Peniwell left for Kansas City, Mo, to-day on business.

Henry Wilson, salesman at "Cheap Charley's," is the proud father of a new baby boy.

Frank J. Smith, formerly of Macon, is now at Forman, Sargent county, Dakota, where he is the editor of the *Daily Chronicle*.

Glad Gorin is on duty at Chicago as the private secretary of Mr. Horace Tucker, general freight agent for the Illinois Central railroad company.

Bee Boynton is entertaining about all the members of the Boynton tribe, who have come here from California, Colorado and other points to be present at the reunion.

Laura E. Dainty in "A Mountain Pink" Wednesday evening, January 28th. Miss Dainty is no stranger in Decatur and will receive an ovation on the occasion of her visit.

Sup't E. A. Gastman left for Bloomingington this morning to attend a meeting of the board of directors of the State Teachers' Reading Circle to-day, and to be present at the meeting of the State Board of Education to-morrow. He will return Wednesday evening or Thursday morning.

The Decatur Stage.

Next comes "A Rag Baby," a new comedy which will be given Thursday evening next. Said the New York *Herald:*

It kept the audience in good humor for nearly three hours. The piece was cut into three acts, and went off with a rattle and sparkle peculiar to these nondescript productions which are made up of equal portions of costume, music and frolic, all carried out by clever mimics and character players. Judged by the laughter and applause which this comedy-farce evoked, it was a success.

On Friday evening next Dan Sully and his comedy company will pay Decatur a return visit, repeating the comedy, "A Corner Grocery," a rip-roaring Irish and Ethiopian comedy that was received here with great delight some weeks ago. The company is on its way to New Orleans and has picked out Decatur as one of the two stop-over points in Illinois.

Popular prices of admission to both entertainments.

Two Officers Less.

In order to reduce expenses of running the city, in compliance with a resolution adopted by the council, granting him discretionary power, Acting Mayor Lake has lopped off two members of the police force—George Andress, of the depot day force, and Ray Ringland, of the up-town night force—thus making a reduction of $110 a month. Both men relieved have been active and efficient officers, as are all members of the force. It is doubtful if Decatur ever had a better police force than at present.

Decatur Only 56 Years Old.

Yesterday we gave a little ancient history connected with Decatur, in which it was stated that the town was 57 years old. Mr. J. R. Gorin rises to remark that our city is but 56 years of age. He states that Macon county was organized Jan. 19, 1829, and the order to lay off the town of Decatur was made in April of the same year. The first sale of lots was made in May, '29, and the lots sold were those on which the New Deming hotel now stands. The county then included all of DeWitt, except the northern tier of townships, all of Piatt, except a few townships, and about half of Moultrie county.

The Scottish Bard.

The 126th anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, the Scottish Bard, which will occur on Sunday, Jan. 25th, will be appropriately celebrated at the New Deming hotel in Decatur, on Monday evening, Jan. 26th, at 8 o'clock, and all Scotchmen and sons of Scotchmen residing in this vicinity are invited to attend. A fine banquet will be spread, Scottish songs will be sung, and there will be a Scottish reel or two by way of variation. For further information confer with Daniel Robinson at the Decatur wagon factory; David Hutchison, lawyer; Louis Mackenzie, 151 Prairie street, and James Dougherty, 1202 East Eldorado street, who will supply all with tickets to the banquet. 19 d1w-w1t

Preaching at the Baptist Church.

Rev. Dr. Perren, of Chicago, preached a powerful sermon at the Baptist church last evening. Dr. Perren is a scholarly christian gentleman. He is about 45 years of age, and is a man of marked pulpit power. He will preach again to-night and every evening during the week. This afternoon at 4 o'clock he will speak to christian workers on the influence of the Holy Spirit. The public is cordially invited to attend. The evening service begins at 7.30 o'clock.

Surprise Party and Dance!

The credit of the success of the surprise party given last night at the home of Miss Lulu Lemon on North street, in honor of Willie Simonds, belongs to Miss Jennie Montgomery. There was a large company present and a jolly time was had. The prize cake was won by Will Muzzy, who held No. 10. Games and dancing engaged general attention. The musicians were Mr. R. B. Leonard, Mr Eckert and Chas. Cassell. Those present were Misses Laura and Jennie Montgomery, Lucy and Maggie Muzzy, Rose Hamburger, Lulu Laflem, Clara and Adele Stommell, Jennie McDaniels, Annie Winters, Mrs. Annie Montgomery, Kerrie Smith, Annie Moffett, Maggie Harlan, Laura Tubbs, of Warrensburg; and Messrs. Charlie Schenk, Zin Wells, Dick Peake, John Thompson, Will Muzzy, Sherry Tuttle, Will Myers, Mr. Bragg, Ed Marob, Mr. Bradfield, Johnnie McRoberts, Will Montgomery, Mr. Hanks, Ed Martin, Frank Beidler, Lem Spence, and Mr. Huck, of Mt. Pulaski. Mr. Simonds received many valuable presents, and the party was pronounced by each and every one to be one of the most enjoyable ever attended.

You Can Have It.

"My dear, what would I give to have your hair?" is often said by middle-aged ladies to young ones. Madam, you may have just such hair. Parker's Hair Balsam will give it to you. It will stop your hair from falling off, restore the original color and make it long, thick, soft and glossy. You need not stand helplessly envying the girls. The Balsam is not oily, not a dye, but is an elegant dressing, and is especially recommended for its cleanliness and purity. jan1deodaw4w

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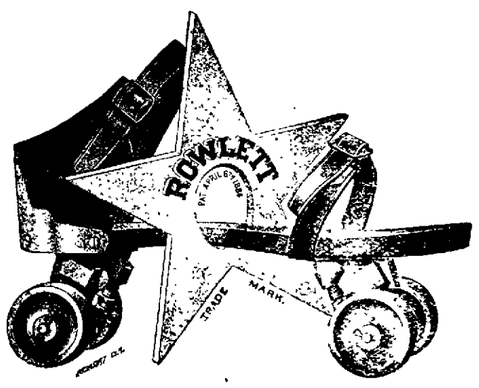

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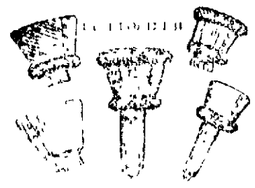

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PUBLICATION NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
County of Macon County, } ss.

In the Circuit Court of said County, to the February Term A. D. 1885.

Anna A. Warren, Administratrix of the estate of Ella F. Scribner deceased, vs. Henry H. Scribner, Orrin H. Scribner and William H. Gallaher.

Petition to Sell Real Estate to Pay Debts.

Affidavit of the non residence of Henry H. Scribner and William H. Gallaher, defendants also named, having been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County, notice is hereby given to the said Henry H. Scribner and William H. Gallaher, that the said plaintiff, Anna A. Warren as administratrix of the estate of Ella F. Scribner, deceased, has filed her petition in the said County Court of Macon County for an order to sell the premises belonging to the estate of said deceased, for payment of the debts of said deceased, and that summons has issued against said defendants returnable on the first day of the next term of said Court, which said term will be held at the Court House in the City of Decatur, in said County, on the second Monday, being the 16th day of May A. D., 1885, at which time and place the said petitioner will pray the said Court for a decree for the sale of said premises, as prayed in said petition, when and where you, the said Henry H. Scribner and William H. Gallaher are and appear personally before said County Court of Macon County, on the first day of the term thereof to be holden at the Court House in said County, on the 9th day of February, 1885, and plead, answer or demur to the said petition, a copy of which petition and the summons and the matters and things therein charged, will be taken as confessed and a decree entered against you according to the prayer of said bill.

Decatur, Ill., Dec 29, 1884. D. P. HARDY, Clerk.

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The undersigned having sold out her restaurant, at No. 114 North Water street to Messrs. Crosthwait Bros., would respectfully ask for them a continuance of the patronage heretofore so liberally bestowed upon her.

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Will be continued by the undersigned at the same place, under the firm name of CROSTHWAIT BROS., and will be under the immediate control and management of L. L. Crosthwait. We respectfully ask a share of the patronage of the public

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Now is the time for a cheap suit or an overcoat at Cheap Charley's, way below par 7-dawtf

Something New for Everybody.

The Pendu Light. Everybody who has used the old style Drop Lights has become disgusted with them and wondered why something more practical and ornamental was not made. The Pendu Light fills the bill, both as to utility and ornament—they save the gas and the eyesight, and they are a handsome Christmas present. Call and see them at

KORNMEYER & O'NEILL'S, Cor. N. Main and William Sts.

dec20 dtf

CALL at B. Stine's for Christmas presents, comprising silk suspenders, silk handkerchiefs, in foreign and domestic fabrics, at reasonable prices. d&wtf

MANTELS and Grates at Ferguson & Dillehunt's. may14-dtf

You will always find the best styles of Carpetings at Linn & Scruggs'. d18-d&wtf

WOOD! WOOD! WOOD!

Cord, Stove Wood and Chunks at Geo. Ehrhart's Coal and Wood Yard on Water street Telephone 139. d18-dtf

The Daily Republican.

"LEFT."

I do not sigh for by-gone days,
I do not weep because the hours are long;
I do not walk in memory's bitter ways,
And syllable my woes in tearful song;
But oh, my aching heart is filled with care,
And I have sorrow far beyond your ken,
When the election hats I hoped to wear,
I see perched on the heads of other men.

Soft, downy felts, fit for a swollen head,
And round crowned stiff hats of an English breed,
And haughty "plugs," slick, shiny and high bred,
And sealskin caps that mock my hungry greed.
All these, and several more, oh heart! were mine,
And the thing gone for Beiva G.—St. Ben;
But now I see—oh misery sublime!—
The hats I paid for worn by other men.

—*R. J. Burdette, in Brooklyn Eagle.*

A CHRISTMAS COMEDY.

In Two Monologues, a Half-Monologue and a Brief Dialogue.

Miss Eleanor Slinglander sat in her crimson boudoir on Christmas morning, regarding with a scornful expression a little bronze figure which she held in her hand—the figure of a pretty peasant girl, in cloak and hood, carrying a covered basket on her arm. And a scornful expression, though rather and in rare instances very becoming to some girlish faces, was not in the least becoming to Miss Slinglander. It wrinkled and shortened her nose, widened her nostrils and pouted her full, red lips. All of which, as her nose was already a trifle too short, her nostrils a trifle too wide and her lips a trifle too prominent, tended to seriously detract from the beauty of her face.

"The idea!" said Miss Slinglander, the scornful expression giving place to frown, which brought her much too near eyebrows so close together that they seemed like one straight, heavy line, "of Spencer Royall sending me this thing for a Christmas present. Why, I expected something splendid from him with an offer of marriage. Heaven knows he's been dangling after me long enough—half a year nearly—and I'm sure his mother and sisters have set their hearts on the match. Of course they have, and with good reason, too, for with the help of my money Spence could carry on the business in a much more princely manner than it was carried on during his father's lifetime, and the returns would be much more princely in proportion. And I've been agreeable, for they're a decidedly aristocratic family, and Spence is by all odds the handsomest fellow I know and has a very taking way with him, though Jack Raynor is a hundred times jollier and three times as rich. But I'm not going to stand this shilly-shallying any longer. I've been waiting for him to speak for the last three months, and not a word on the subject has he said. Something he dropped last night led me to believe the proposal was coming this morning. But instead comes this thing—pretty enough in its way and 'artistic,' I suppose, but I don't want it. The house is full of peasant boys and girls and shepherds and shepherdesses, and cupids, and all the rest of them now. What shall I do with it? Why, I declare, it looks like Ella Mellis. I'll send it to her. She's been sewing for us for the last six months and no doubt she'll expect a Christmas gift—that kind of people always do—and I don't feel like spending any money on her, so off this goes. She'll be delighted with it, and I can keep her an hour or two beyond her work hours, sometime when I'm needing a dress in a hurry, on the strength of it. And, Mr. Spencer Royall, if Jack Raynor comes a-courting me to-day, my money will never help you and your family to greater magnificence. A bronze peasant girl, indeed, when I expected at least an elegant solitaire."

An hour later Ella Mellis sat in the plainly-furnished room which served her and her widowed mother for sewing room, dining room and parlor, holding the bronze figure in her little right hand—on the second finger of which was a well-worn silver thimble—and viewing it with a look of delighted admiration that added wonderfully to the attractiveness of her delicately featured face, lending as it did a charming light to her soft, tired brown eyes and a flush to her pale cheeks. "I never dreamed he would think of me at all," she said, in a sweet voice, tremulous with joy, "and he has not only thought of me, but sent me this beautiful Christmas present. Why, we have never met but half a dozen times since I became a sewing girl, and then always in the presence of Miss Slinglander, with the exception of that night when I slipped on the ice in front of her door—she had kept me very late helping her dress for a ball—and he, happening to be near, helped me to my feet and insisted on accompanying me home, saying so kindly, 'It is too late for any young lady to be out alone,' and came in and talked to mamma for an hour afterward. Poor mamma! how glad she was to meet some one whose father had known and loved papa."

"Dear me! how happy Miss Slinglander will be—for, of course, he is going to marry her—though, for my part, I'd like a lover a little more lover-like. I've actually caught him yawning when she was talking to him—and I don't wonder, for she does run on so about 'style' and 'fashion'—and I've never seen him look at her in an adoring way. In fact, I really think he—looks—kinder—at—me. But among wealthy people everywhere, I suppose, matches are made much as they are among royal personages. Lovelan't consulted at all.

"Oh! dear, if papa hadn't lost all his money *I* might—for I think Spencer used to like me a little in those days.

"But how perfectly lovely of him to send me this, though no doubt he sent it as much for mamma's sake as mine, remembering what she said to him that night about her love for artistic things.

"Miss Ella Mellis. How much he writes like Miss Slinglander, and how simple and pretty this Christmas card is, with its wealth of flowers surrounding the words, 'From Spencer Royall.' But those words are not in the same handwriting. Ah! I see, some one else has written the address.

"You dear, darling little peasant girl! I wonder what you are carrying in your basket. Good gracious! the cover flies up when the handle is pulled and there's something inside. A tiny velvet box, in it the loveliest of rings and—a note, yes, a note to me!

"'MY DEAR ELLA—By this rural maiden I send you an offer of my heart and hand. It may seem strange to you that I have never spoken to you of my wish that you should become my wife, but the fact is, I have been waiting until my financial affairs, somewhat disordered by my father's sudden death, should be brought into proper shape again. Now all seems clear ahead, and if you will consent to give me yourself for a Christmas gift I shall be most happy.

"'Anxiously waiting your reply, I am

"'Yours faithfully,

"'SPENCER ROYALL.'

"His wife—his wife! Mamma, mamma, come here instantly. It is the merriest Christmas that ever was and I am the happiest girl in the whole wide world!"

Spencer Royall stood before the grate fire in his smoking-room on Christmas afternoon with wide-opened eyes, a half-burned cigar in his mouth and a dainty notelet in his hand. "By Jove! there's a go," said he, in formible if not megaphonic proportions, "I send an offer of marriage to Miss Eleanor Slinglander and receive a note of acceptance from Miss Ella Mellis. Pretty little thing. I've always been more or less spooney on her, but it seemed as though Fate insisted upon my marrying the other one. Perhaps Fate has changed its mind at the last moment. 'Pon my word, it's the strangest thing that ever happened to me. I must see if I can't find out something about it." And ringing his bell he asked the small boy who answered his summons: "Did you take the box I gave you this morning to Miss Slinglander?"

"Yes sir."

"By Jove! the riddle of the sphinx was nothing to this. You may go."

"Yes, sir—but, sir—"

"Well, go on—go on!"

"I stopped a minute in the kitchen to give the cook a message from my mother—the cook's my cousin Sarah Jane—and Miss Slinglander's maid came down with the box and says she, 'Miss Slinglander wants this box took to Miss Ella Mellis. She told me to git a messenger boy,' says she, 'but you'll do just as well and earn a quarter.' 'What am I to say?' says I. 'With Miss Slinglander's compliments,' and says she, and I forgot to say, 'with Miss Slinglander's compliments,' and said 'Merry Christmas' instead, 'cause I'd been saying that ever since I got up and it come handiest. But that couldn't have made no difference of no consequence, could it sir?"

"Oh! no," with mild sarcasm, "not the slightest."

"And Miss Slinglander's maid said, sir, that Miss Slinglander was in a orful temper at first 'cause you hadn't sent her something more waluable, but she'd got over it and was a-making fun of you with Mr. Raynor. And—"

"There—there—that will do—clear out. The riddle is read. I see it all plainly now. Eleanor never thought, being in a tearing rage on account of the apparent smallness of my gift, of lifting the cover of the basket, but dispatched the bronze at once to her seamstress, forgetting in her indignation to detach my card. Tom forgets to deliver the compliments which she sends with it, and as a matter of course Ella Mellis thinks the figure came straight from me. *She* does *not* look upon it with contempt, and uncovering the peasant girl's basket finds there a proposal of marriage apparently addressed to herself, her name being the same as Eleanor's diminutive. She replies to it in the sweetest and most artless little note I ever received. By Jove! I'll accept the situation. I begin to find myself very much in love with her, and Miss Slinglander may continue to laugh with Jack Raynor."

Christmas evening at the home of Mrs. Mellis.

Ella—"How happy I am! I never dreamed you loved me. I thought that you had entirely forgotten that we had ever been friends. Imagine my surprise when I found your letter in the peasant girl's basket. What a cunning way to send it."

Spencer—"Yes; I flatter myself it was rather cunning. But, darling, don't breathe a word about it to a soul. To tell of it would break the charm."

Ella—"Not for the world if you don't wish it, dear, not even to Miss Slinglander."—*Margaret Eytinge in Detroit Free Press.*

An Editor's Tribute.

Theron P. Kentor, editor of the Ft Wayne, Ind., *Gazette*, writes: "For the past five years have always used Dr King's New Discovery, for coughs of the most severe character, as well as for those of a milder type. It never fails to effect a speedy cure. My friends to whom I have recommended it speak of it in same high terms. Having been cured by it of every cough I have had for five years, I consider it the only reliable and sure cure for coughs, colds, etc." Call at Swearingen & Hubbard's drug store and get a *Free* Trial Bottle. Large size $1 00 a2

—A Chinaman near Rockland, Cal last season shipped over two thousand horned toads to China, where they will be converted into various kinds of very expensive medicine.

—Albertine Greenwald, a two year-old child in Cleveland, has two tongues, the second growing from the root and on top of the first. What a wife she will make some day!

AN IMPERIAL TITLE.

Once seated in all the joints of the body, Chronic Rheumatism regards its hold very much as a king does his title—right royal and not to be disturbed. But there is one agent that has no respect for his majesty's crown or presence, does not fear to march right into his stronghold, and never fails to bring him to terms. It is ATHLOPHOROS. Says Charles F. Moore, of Chicago: "Have been a great sufferer from Rheumatism for over four years. Tried ATHLOPHOROS. One bottle gave me so much relief that I cannot express my thanks in words".

—The permanent population of Washington is estimated at 212,000, and the transients in town at 10,000.

—Judge David Davis says that his worst friend is a woman whose poetry he once laughed at. This was twenty-eight years ago, and she still hates him.

Poor Woman!

Weak back; tremulous nerves; rheumatic muscles; dyspeptic stomach; torpid liver. Bad combination, isn't it? Well, vitalize your blood with Brown's Iron Bitters. Tone your nerves; banish rheumatism; drive out dyspepsia. Then you are a new woman. Mrs. W. A. Crawford, Tullahoma, Tenn., had nervousness and neuralgia. She derived great benefit from the use of Brown's Iron Bitters.

—Robert Browning, the poet, aged 73, is about to remarry.

—There will be sixty-nine army officers retired during Mr. Cleveland's administration.

—A dog's skull with two $20 gold pieces in it was found near Congers, Ga., the other day.

IN view of the strong testimony that has come unsolicited from every section of the country, and which includes thousands of certificates, it must be conceded that Mishler's Herb Bitters is the best family medicine, and in every variety of kidney, liver, and stomach complaints, indigestion, diarrhœa, dysentery, colic, and the thousands of similar ailments the virtue of the Bitters has proved itself.

—Ex-President Hayes is reported as having ninety-eight Leghorn hens in his poultry yard.

—General Fremont's son, John C Fremont, Jr, has become a lieutenant in the regular army.

HAVE used Tongaline, in a case of facial neuralgia, with excellent results.

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Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Swearingen & Hubbard feb19dawly

TAX NOTICE.

I have received the tax books, and am now ready to receive payment for taxes. Call at my office, over Gorin, Dawson & Co's bank, entrance from Merchant street side. CHAS. C. RADCLIFF, Collector.

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THE Patent Ear Muffler at B. Stine's. dawtf

At the Old Place.

I desire to inform the public that I am again in the boot and shoe business on my own book, at the old stand, No. 152 East Main street, where, with an ample stock of new and seasonable goods, I am ready to supply all calls for boots, shoes, and everything in that line. Thankful to my old friends for their patronage in the past, I respectfully solicit their future favors, confident of my ability to suit them. W. F. BUSHER.

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—Henry H. Garringe, formerly lieutenant commander, who brought the New York obelisk from Egypt, is seriously ill in New York of sleeplessness and a stroke of partial paralysis.

—A New York chocolate manufacturer says the use of chocolate in confectionery is becoming very extensive in this country. Last year he manufactured 1,600,000 pounds and used a ton of sugar a day.

I HAVE been bothered with catarrh for about twenty years. I could not tell how many different remedies I have tried, and none seemed to reach my case like Ely's Cream Balm. I had lost my smell entirely for the last fifteen years, and I had almost lost my hearing. My eyes were getting so dim I had to get some one to thread my needle. Now I have my hearing as well as I ever had, and I can see to thread as fine a needle as I ever did, and my smell is perfectly restored, and it seems to be improving all the time. I think there is nothing like Ely's Cream Balm for Catarrh. I always had a trouble with my throat and a little hacking cough, and I am almost well of that. Mrs E E Grimes, 67 Valley St., Rendrill. Perry Co, Ohio. 15-decd&w2w

AWAITING BY THE BARS

When the slow sinking sun
Disappears o'er the mountain,
And the twilight steals down
With its few twinking star.
I spring from my haunt
By the old rustic fountain
To meet little Susie,
Who waits at the bars.

So lightly I leap o'er
The dew-dampened grasses,
As away to the trysting
I joyously bound;
I scarce heed the distance,
So quickly it passes,
And plunge down the hillside
Where she is to be found

What a joy fills my heart
As I see her there standing,
Awaiting my coming,
Demurely and shy!
But no welcome smile
To her beauty is lending,
And no look of love
Lights her large hazel eye

Then I fling down the bars,
And, light as a zephyr,
She gallops away
Across hillock and dow
For Susie's a cow—
A young Jersey heifer—
And I—well, I am
A young Jersey clown.

—*A. D. Neal, in N. Y. Journal.*

"GRANDMERE JEANNETON."

How Her Sorrow Was Mitigated By the Photographer's Art.

I was smoking my after-dinner cigar and reading *Figaro* on the esplanade in Stasbourg, when I was accosted by an old woman who inquired in French for the nearest photographer. She wore the common dress of the Alsatian peasant, and her dusty shoes indicated a long foot journey, but under her linen head-dress fell her white hair round a face that, sunburnt and wrinkled and wearing traces of recent tears, yet was so beautiful in its expression of tender goodness and touching resignation not unmixed with a certain pride, that I involuntarily addressed her as "Grandmere," and forgetting that I had promised a friend to await his arrival, offered to guide her to her destination.

On the road she told me her simple story. She was a widow, and lived prior to the French-German war with her married son in a village, fifty miles from Strasbourg. They were well-to-do peasants before the enemy invaded their little village; but one morning they woke to find the Prussians encamped in their fields and making themselves perfectly at home. More troops arrived the next day and the following, until the quiet village was a big camp, where the enemy heaped up the stores needed for the siege of Strasbourg.

One dark night the camp was alarmed and a magazine containing among other stores a considerable quantity of powder was found on fire, and there was no doubt that it was the work of the inhabitants. Accordingly the next morning six of the most prominent or most patriotic of the inhabitants were brought before the Prussian commander, and after a short examination that proved nothing, without further trial, shot in the square in front of the village church. The widow's son was one of the six victims, and his wife, who became frantic with grief over his death, was the next morning found lifeless on his grave, thus leaving her infant son to the sole care of his grandmother.

The old woman now centered all her hope and all her affection in the little boy, and as he grew up she was fully repaid, for he loved his grandmother with an intensity often found in children who die young—a love that was alone equaled by his veneration of his dead parents, his adoration of "la belle France" and his hate of the Prussians, for the old woman, who loved her beautiful country dearly, and never forgot that her husband fell fighting for it at "Solferino," and that her son was killed by its enemies, instilled, perhaps unconsciously, both feelings in his young breast.

One day, when the boy was ten years old, a Prussian official who inspected the village school was struck with his beauty and serious air, and addressed a question to him in German respecting his parents. "The Prussians killed them," answered the boy in French. The official colored, and in a rebuking tone asked the boy why he didn't speak German. "Because it is the language of my country's enemies," answered the boy fearlessly.

The official ordered him in arrest, and he was shut up in a chamber above the school-room, where he remained until night, when he boldly leaped from the window to the ground and, as he fell in a thick copse, escaped unhurt. The boy now fairly flew to his grandmother's house, but as he was afraid of being seen and brought back to the school if he followed the road, he crossed the fields behind the village.

It was in the harvest and the grapes were ripe, so old Martin, the owner of the choicest grapes in the village, kept watch with a loaded shot-gun over his precious treasures. Softly he walks over the field behind the wine-press, when he hears something force its way through the grapevines. He stops and cocks his piece. He will now catch the thief who robs him of his biggest grapes. The moon is behind the clouds, but he sees the outline of a person running fast through the vines. "Halt!" he commands—but the person never heeds him. He raises his gun—a flash—a scream—a fall of a body among the grapes, and when the old man arrives on the spot, he finds instead of the supposed grape thief a little curly-haired boy whose life is fast ebbing away with the blood that flows out and mixes with the crushed grapes; his black eyes are already fixed and glassy, and it is with a faltering voice he whispers: "Give my love to grandmother and tell her—father! mother! I am coming"—his hands grasp the vines tighter, he raises himself to a sitting posture, the moon coming from behind the clouds shines on the wine leaves in his curly hair, a cry rises in his throat: "Vive la belle France!"—he sinks back, his eyes closed, and the orphan boy is gone."

"And it was me—me alone—who murdered him," complained the grandmother when she concluded her tale. Her eyes were dry, but the muscles round the corners of her mouth worked convulsively and there was a great sob in her throat. "It was all my fault, the result of my unforgiveness; holy Mary have mercy——" and the old woman run the black beads of her rosary through her fingers, murmuring her prayers.

We arrived shortly after at our destination, the atelier of a French photographer, with whom I was slightly acquainted. I introduced my companion to him, and he, offering her a seat, addressed some question to her about her picture. She looked at him with wonder, and finally replied that she only wanted a picture of her boy. "Ah!" said the photographer, "a little boy, very good, where is he?" A tear dimmed the old woman's black eye, and for answer she pointed up to Heaven. "Oh!" exclaimed my friend, "dead! I do not like to photograph dead bodies; but still as monsieur brought you here I will make an exception: when did your little boy die?"

"When the grapes ripen he will have been gone a year," replied the grandmother.

"But, my dear, began the photographer, perplexed, when I interrupted him, and taking him aside told him the old woman's story and how she had walked fifty miles on her old legs to procure a likeness of her dead grandchild.

"But, my dear fellow, what can I do? I am grieved, upon my word I am; but what would you have me do? I can't photograph angels!"

A noise of romping children was now heard and two boys, about eight and ten years old, came running into the atelier, crying at the top of their voices: "Oh, papa, voici!"

"Hush, children!" said the parent, "go away; I am busy," and the happy boys disappeared laughing in the next room. A sudden idea struck me, and turning to the old woman, who looked wistfully at the door through which the boys escaped, I asked her if she had kept any of her little boy's clothes. "Indeed I have, Monsieur!" she answered. "I have kept everything belonging to the little dear," and opening a bundle she carried with her she continued: "Here is his best dress find (her voice sunk to a whisper) the last I ever saw him wear."

I now took the photographer aside and made him acquainted with my plan for "photographing angels," and after obtaining his promise of carrying out my instructions I persuaded the grandmother to leave her grandson's clothing in the atelier and follow me to an inn, where I left her to the care of the buxom hostess.

Two days after the photographer sent for her and on her arrival handed her a picture, at sight of which the old woman began crying freely. "My boy! my own darling boy! It is the clothes I spun every thread of myself—and his pretty curly hair—but why does he cover his face so? Won't he look at me?" she asked, suddenly, looking up from the picture that represented a little boy kneeling in a chair with his folded hands before his face.

"Oh!" remarked the photographer, "he is saying his prayers."

"Yes, yes, I know he is praying for his poor old grandmere. Oh, my darling boy!" and the great tears rolled down her wrinkled cheeks. "God and our lady bless you, messieurs!" said she, when she grew calmer. "I am now going to pray by my boy's grave until I follow him;" and refusing all aid for her trip home, but pressing her newly found treasure fast to her brave old heart, "Grandmere Jeanneton" left us.

As to the picture, the intelligent readers of the *Free Press* have of course all guessed that the photographer dressed his oldest boy in the poor peasant boy's clothes; and who would not practice such a deception to see the tears that rolled down Grandmere Jeanneton's aged cheeks.—*Detroit Free Press.*

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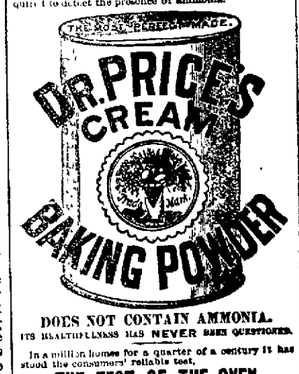

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